

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 26, 1884.

Robbing the Government.

The costly rap lace expended on governmental affairs occasionally comes to light, but the amount of this kind of extravagance that remains undiscovered is an unknown quantity. Some testimony given on Friday before the House committee on expenditures in the department of justice abundantly bears out the truth of the first part of this statement. One Tiffany, an Indian agent in New Mexico in 1881, submitted a report to the department of the interior containing an error of \$12. He was arrested and taken to New Mexico for trial, ten indictments were found against him, but sufficient evidence could never be procured to convict. This little investigation into a \$12 discrepancy cost the government between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

It is absurd to say that an action of this kind is brought with intent to protect the government's interests. The desire of rapacious officials for an opportunity to steal under cover of law is so apparent that he who runs may read it. It has just leaked out that the present virtuous Governor Murray, of Utah, whose zeal to exterminate Mormons is only equalled by his ambition to pose before the public as an evangelist, was detected in the most shamefully thieving practices while occupying the office of United States marshal for Kentucky. The poor and ignorant were arrested without cause, hurried miles from their proper place of trial, allowed to languish in prison, to swell the fees of the thieves who were allowed to wear the United States livery in order to better deceive United States citizens. Investigation of the alleged Ku Klux outrages and illicit distilling in the South conclusively proves the existence of a band of conspirators who used those devices in order to better facilitate their designs of preying on the government coffers. The Star Route trials furnish another illustration of money recklessly squandered with no appreciable result.

It is nearly time that this reckless expenditure of the public moneys should cease, and the committee now investigating the department of justice expenses have an excellent opportunity of earning a nation's thanks in bringing about that much to be desired result.

A COMMISSIONER authorized by the Legislature to revise the system of book keeping employed in the various departments of the state government, has unanimously come to the conclusion that all warrants upon the state treasurer should be drawn by the same officer, the auditor general. This is obviously the correct method. It has been a fatal defect heretofore that nearly half of them have never gone through this department at all, and hence there has been at Harrisburg a division of authority that tends to disorganization. The school department, for instance, has been an auditing department to itself, we believe; and possibly other branches of the government. If there is to be an auditing department it should audit everything; and its head officer should be a man who appreciates the duty of the office. It has not been so filled. The place of auditor general should be to the state what Mr. Patterson made the controllership to Philadelphia; as yet it has been little more than a clerical place. A vigilant and determined official in it could stop a hundred leaks and save the state from manifold steals. If his jurisdiction shall be extended to all the expenditures of the commonwealth there are increased reasons for circumspection in finding the man for the place.

OUR esteemed contemporary, the New Era, in a recent editorial, well meant no doubt, congratulating Franklin & Marshall college upon the gift it had received for its astronomical equipment, said: "But something more is necessary. Observatories are of little use without an astronomer to direct their operations. To secure the services of a competent man is therefore a necessity, and his services must be paid for." Our esteemed contemporary, we feel quite sure, will be glad to be reminded that the "apparent vacancy," which it has made in the college faculty, does not exist. The present incumbent of the chair of mathematics and astronomy in the college is one of the most accomplished men of his age in his science. To great natural ability and special aptitude for his department of learning, he has united study at the best schools and experience as an instructor. To his development of the study of astronomy in the institution is to be credited the popular interest which has resulted in the donations already made for an observatory, and all whom it may concern can feel assured that there need be no withholding the endowment for scientific apparatus on account of the lack of a proper professor to use and direct it.

THE report of the grand jury emphasizes some of the evils in our country afflicts with which the newspapers have made the public familiar. The rate at which supplies are bought at the prison and the utter unprofitableness of the labor system there explains why it costs five times as much to run our jail as the cost of Berks county's institution; the report does not explain the enormous increase in the almshouse expenditures last year; the reprehensible and inhuman system of filling up Dammers hall receives merited condemnation, but the hope that the children's home may be made a state institution is all considered. As this is the most creditably managed of our country affairs, by all means let it be kept under the same direction that has hitherto controlled it.

THE question is being agitated in Newburg, N. Y., whether a justice of the peace who has passed his seventieth year is incapacitated for official duty by reason of his age, and a judicial decision in reference to the matter is pending. If the New York justice at all resembles some of our local fee-grabbers, it might be a more pertinent inquiry whether they could not be entirely dispensed with.

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED IN PHILADELPHIA has, with a few dissenting voices, given its hearty and influential support to the Democratic ticket.

This makes the battle for its election a very hopeful one; it commits these two political elements between which there should be full accord and good understanding, to united action in municipal affairs. It ought to elect a reform majority in councils and in every way contribute to that salutary condition of local self government which is the aim of true Democracy to secure.

It is, it seems, an injustice to class Mr. Hirst, the new controller of Philadelphia, as a Republican or a doubtful politician. He says emphatically "I am a Democrat." When I entered the controller's office I was a Republican, I am a Democrat now. He is all the better for it.

DETECTIVES that detect are rare birds, but Lancaster county seems to have been blessed with one of them.

FITZ JOHN PORTER'S vindication will be well earned if it ever emerges from the ocean of verbiage in which it is struggling in the present Congress.

CONTEMPLE when the sun declines, Thy beam, with deep reflection, And when again it rises, Think of the resurrection.

Or the distinctively Southern states South Carolina is the most illiterate. In a total population of 995,377, fifty-five and four-tenths per cent., or 539,848, cannot read or write.

AN ingenious writer who seems to have more faith in scientific explanation than in miracles, utilizes the afterglow in the western sky to explain the scriptural phenomenon of the sun standing still at Joshua's command. He thinks that at the time alluded to the light of day may have been simply prolonged after the sun had gone down by a shower of auricles or meteoric dust similar to that which in the view of some scientists causes the present phenomena.

IN poking fun at the American jury system, the author of "The Bread-Winners" makes a jury in a murder trial bring in the following remarkable attachment to a verdict of "not guilty on the ground of emotional insanity": "And we hereby state that the prisoner was perfectly sane up to the moment he committed the murder in question, and perfectly sane the moment after; and that, in our opinion, there is no probability that the insanity will ever recur."

AND yet this serio comic verdict is exactly identical with that rendered in sober earnest in the Nutt case. Truth is indeed stranger than fiction.

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A STRANGE STORY.

SHERMANDALE VALLEY IS A BATTLE-FIELD.

A PIONEER Virginia society Lady Anne Pakenham, who was born in 1650, and died in 1710, is said to have been a woman of extraordinary knowledge herself a man.

One of the best known ladies of the Shermandale Valley, Va., has returned to be a man. Miss Elizabeth R. Payne, daughter of the late Joseph Payne, seven miles from Winchester, who has lived for thirty-eight years as a lady, suddenly avowed herself to be a few days since a man and started for her father-in-law, John Steever, bearing her surety. The men were unable to get beyond some distance from Lancaster last night by Constable Jones, of Ephrata, and lodged in jail.

The story of their affairs is interesting, and reflects great credit on a Philadelphia detective named George B. Barthelemy, who, about the middle of last November, disguised himself as a tramp, and visited the Shermandale Valley, and with a detective named Henry, who were the accomplices of the baroness, who sought to assist them in keeping out of the clutches of the law. He visited all the houses on the mountain, waiting for a chance to find out who were the accomplices of the baroness, who sought to assist them in keeping out of the clutches of the law.

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His sisters were distinguished for their culture and personal charms and several of them married well. He also dealt in the management of a farm and had established at West, where he also held the appointment of justice of the peace. He was a man of letters and a business expert in that way. All his enterprises prospered and he has acquired considerable wealth. Determining to marry he threw off his dress and applied for a license from the clerk at Winchester. The clerk, who, like every body else, knew him as a woman, declined to issue a license for a woman to marry a man.

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TRIPPING THE HIZZARD GANG.

A FRESH Philadelphia detective disguised as a tramp last night in the Shermandale Valley.

As stated in the INTELLIGENCER yesterday, Ed Hainy, Daniel Hildebrand, Isaac Hildebrand, and Mrs. Julia Ann Hildebrand, were arrested on Friday morning by the Philadelphia police, and taken to the city jail. The men were charged with burglary and larceny, and Mrs. Hildebrand with receiving stolen goods. After their arrest, the men were taken to the city jail, and Mrs. Hildebrand was taken to the city jail.

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QUARTER SESSIONS.

THE COUNTY OF NEW HENRY, Pennsylvania, held its quarterly sessions on Friday, January 25, 1884.

Friday Morning.—Comth vs. M. E. Hildebrand, murder. Frank B. Bann was recalled, and his cross-examination was continued for some time. A witness, showing the bar room, testified that he saw Hildebrand on the night of the occurrence, and that he saw Hildebrand on the night of the occurrence, and that he saw Hildebrand on the night of the occurrence.

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Friday Evening.—Elias Work, sworn: Witness was in the alley between Massachusetts hall and the Washington house between 9 and 10 o'clock on the night of the occurrence; while standing there he saw a man throw or pushed out of the side door of the saloon into the alley by another man, who was at first erect, but jumped on the ground and began to crawl; while lying on the ground the other man struck him several times. The witness did not see the man who was thrown, but he saw the man who was struck, and the other, who was under, was Henry Eshleman, with both of whom witness was acquainted; witness was about six feet from the man.

On cross-examination said, he did not know if either of them was hurt, but went out in front of the Washington hotel, remaining there ten minutes, after which he went home; while witness was in the alley he saw a man unbuttoning a coat in the rear of the Washington house, and further that he saw Hildebrand and Eshleman on the night of the occurrence; he saw Hildebrand and Eshleman on the night of the occurrence, and that he saw Hildebrand on the night of the occurrence.

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Milton Stinner's remains will be buried to-morrow morning at Washington borough. BASEBALL. The Ironsides Players for 1884. The members of this season's Ironsides baseball club are now widely scattered, but in the month of February will be gathered together in this city for their first meeting. We look about this way: Pitcher, William A. and Morrisey; catchers, Derby and Oldfield; first base, Murphy; second base, Greene; third base, Bradley; shortstop, McGee; left field, Hamilton; center field, McLannan; right field, Oldfield. O. the pitcher William is from West field, and Morrison from Springfield, Mass.; and of the catchers Derby is from Springfield and Oldfield from Philadelphia. The Ironsides players will be gathered in Mason's hall. A convention of the G. A. R. Veterans' Rights union will also be held on that evening, at which it is expected delegates from nearly every post in the department will be present. The place of meeting will be announced in the encampment, probably the hotel house.

That Mysterious Paralysis. Information received from the county hospital at half past two o'clock this afternoon is to the effect that Wm. McJannet, who was taken to the institution Thursday evening with his lower limbs "paralyzed," is not in so bad a condition as was supposed. He is able to walk and does not appear to have been very badly hurt. The story that he was thrown out of the saloon and kicked is not true. A gentleman who lives near by saw him fall twice after leaving the saloon.

Stolen Goods Identified. The boots found in possession of Oscar Reese, whose arrest by Officer Smith was mentioned in the INTELLIGENCER, have been identified as the property of M. L. Harnish, West King street. A pocket book containing some valuable papers has also been identified as belonging to J. H. Hollinger, blacksmith. It is believed that an examination will show that some of the tools found in Reese's chest, were also stolen from Mr. Hollinger.

Published in Pamphlet form. "The transactions of the first annual reunion of the 122d regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers," held in this city, Thursday, May 17, 1883, have been published in a neatly printed pamphlet of 49 pages. The oration and history are included in its contents, which were carefully edited by John Smith, D.D.S., historian of the occasion.

Committed. Benjamin Wendell and Harry Roy, two of the boys who were arrested for disturbing the schools on West Chestnut street, were committed by Alderman Samson last evening to the county jail for five days each. Four others, charged with the same offence were discharged.

While skating at Annie's Landing yesterday afternoon James P. Garvin, former man of the Institute, was seriously and temporarily disabled.

Telephone Connections. W. D. Spruher and Son, N. A. Egan's Ring street, and Thomas E. Franklin, No. 337 West Chestnut street, have been connected with the telephone exchange.

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Milton Stinner's remains will be buried to-morrow morning at Washington borough. BASEBALL. The Ironsides Players for 1884. The members of this season's Ironsides baseball club are now widely scattered, but in the month of February will be gathered together in this city for their first meeting. We look about this way: Pitcher, William A. and Morrisey; catchers, Derby and Oldfield; first base, Murphy; second base, Greene; third base, Bradley; shortstop, McGee; left field, Hamilton; center field, McLannan; right field, Oldfield. O. the pitcher William is from West field, and Morrison from Springfield, Mass.; and of the catchers Derby is from Springfield and Oldfield from Philadelphia. The Ironsides players will be gathered in Mason's hall. A convention of the G. A. R. Veterans' Rights union will also be held on that evening, at which it is expected delegates from nearly every post in the department will be present. The place of meeting will be announced in the encampment, probably the hotel house.

That Mysterious Paralysis. Information received from the county hospital at half past two o'clock this afternoon is to the effect that Wm. McJannet, who was taken to the institution Thursday evening with his lower limbs "paralyzed," is not in so bad a condition as was supposed. He is able to walk and does not appear to have been very badly hurt. The story that he was thrown out of the saloon and kicked is not true. A gentleman who lives near by saw him fall twice after leaving the saloon.

Stolen Goods Identified. The boots found in possession of Oscar Reese, whose arrest by Officer Smith was mentioned in the INTELLIGENCER, have been identified as the property of M. L. Harnish, West King street. A pocket book containing some valuable papers has also been identified as belonging to J. H. Hollinger, blacksmith. It is believed that an examination will show that some of the tools found in Reese's chest, were also stolen from Mr. Hollinger.

Published in Pamphlet form. "The transactions of the first annual reunion of the 122d regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers," held in this city, Thursday, May 17, 1883, have been published in a neatly printed pamphlet of 49 pages. The oration and history are included in its contents, which were carefully edited by John Smith, D.D.S., historian of the occasion.

Committed. Benjamin Wendell and Harry Roy, two of the boys who were arrested for disturbing the schools on West Chestnut street, were committed by Alderman Samson last evening to the county jail for five days each. Four others, charged with the same offence were discharged.

While skating at Annie's Landing yesterday afternoon James P. Garvin, former man of the Institute, was seriously and temporarily disabled.

Telephone Connections. W. D. Spruher and Son, N. A. Egan's Ring street, and Thomas E. Franklin, No. 337 West Chestnut street, have been connected with the telephone exchange.

Isaac Swope, Jr., son of Isaac Swope, living on Chestnut street, is now in this city on a visit. He has been in California for the last two years.